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TO

Amend the law relating to dangerous Lunatics and dangerous Idiots in Ireland, and to make more effectual provision for the superannuation of the officers of District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland.

A.D. 1871.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend an Act passed in the thirtieth and thirty-first years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of the officers and servants of District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland, and to alter and amend the law relating to the custody of dangerous Lunatics and dangerous Idiots in Ireland," in manner herein-after provided :

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. It shall be lawful for any two justices causing any person to be examined by a medical officer under the provisions of the said recited Act of the thirtieth and thirty-first Victoria to call to their assistance the medical officer of the dispensary district as provided for under the said recited Act, or any other legally qualified medical practitioner, and to make an order under their hands and seals upon the governors of the lunatic asylum established either wholly or in part for the county, county of a city, or county of a town in which such person shall have been apprehended, for the payment to such medical officer or other legally qualified medical practitioner called to their assistance of such reasonable remuneration for the examination of any such person, and for the payment of all other reasonable expenses in or about the examination of any such person, as may have been incurred by such medical officer, not exceeding in the whole the sum of *two pounds two shillings*,

Justices may order remuneration to medical officer for examination of persons suspected of being dangerous lunatics.

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A.D. 1871. — and such justices may make such order for payment, whether such person so examined shall or shall not be certified by such medical officer to be a dangerous lunatic or a dangerous idiot, as the case may be.

Superannuation allowances may be granted to officers of district lunatic asylums.

2. It shall be lawful for the governors of any district lunatic asylum in Ireland, with the approval of the inspectors of lunatics, or one of them, to direct that any officer who has served for above twenty years at the least, and who is incapable from age, infirmity of mind or body, or otherwise, of discharging the duties of his office, shall be superannuated, and shall receive such yearly superannuation pension as upon consideration of all the circumstances of each case shall appear just, not exceeding such proportion of his salary and allowances as herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) for above twenty years service, a pension not exceeding two-thirds of his salary. 10

How expenses to be paid.

3. The several moneys to be paid or to become payable under this Act shall respectively be advanced, paid, presented for, and raised in like manner as any other moneys advanced or raised for supporting and maintaining such asylums. 15



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the officers of District Lunatic  
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